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Community First Plan

Gillingham North Ward

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Gillingham North Ward Community First Panel

The Gillingham North Ward Community First Panel was established in March 2012. Local groups within Gillingham North Ward can apply for a minimum of £250 and a maximum of £2500 and must have match-funding (this can be in volunteer hours or donated goods). Applications must meet one or more of the five objectives as set out on page 10.

The panel members for Gillingham North Ward are:

Jo Brown (Panel Chair) Dean Harding (Panel Vice Chair)

Cllr Andy Stamp Cllr Pat Cooper Elizabeth Burridge

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Website: <http://gillinghamnorth.posterous.com/>

Introduction

Gillingham North Location

Gillingham North ward is commonly known as 'lower Gillingham'. It includes the largely urban residential area to the north of Gillingham High Street and north of the mainline railway which runs through the town. The area is well served by four primary schools; in recent years Mid Kent College have relocated their Medway campus to the area, although there are no secondary schools in the ward.

Gillingham High Street is within easy reach of most residents and there are a number of local shops and food outlets in most neighbourhoods. Compared with other urban areas in Medway, lower Gillingham has many greenspaces and parks, including the Strand Leisure Park. In recent years, phased development on brownfield sites near the river Medway has begun, with further phases ongoing or planned for future years.

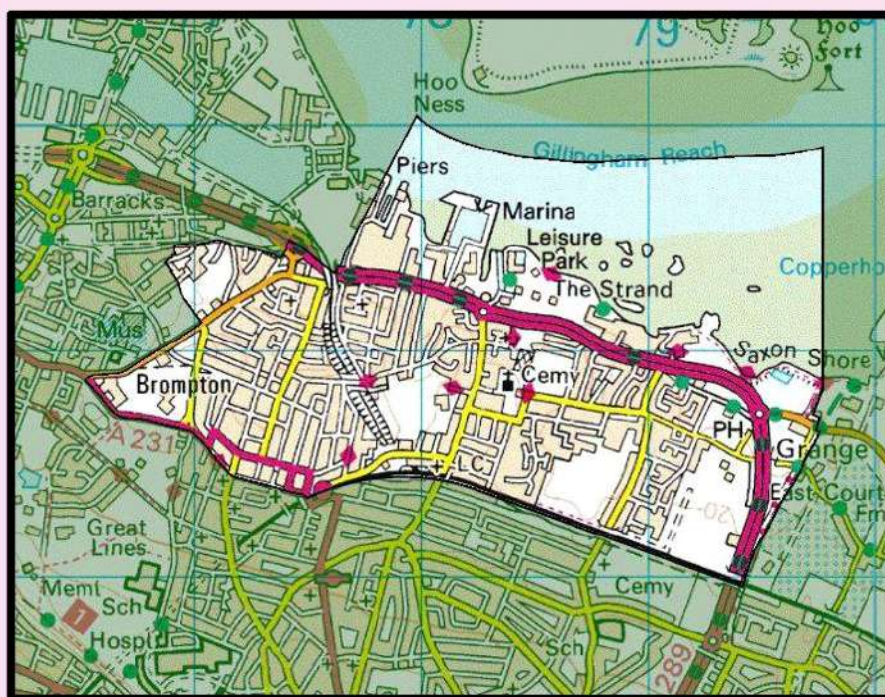


Figure 1: Map of Gillingham North Ward

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Population

In 2011, Gillingham North had an estimated population of 17,854 residents. The age profile is very young; 7,693 (43.1%) people are under the age of 25, compared with 33.4% across Medway as a whole, and significantly above the South East average of 30.2%. Gillingham North is located close to the campuses of the Universities at Medway at Chatham Dockyard, and as such there has been (and continues to be) a growing student population.

Those aged 65 and over represent 8.7% of Gillingham North's population (1,545 residents). This is significantly below the percentage for the whole of Medway (14%) and the South East average of 17.1%.



Chatham Job Centre Plus

Employment

5.9% of 'economically active' residents in Gillingham North are unemployed. Although this is above the overall Medway figure of 4.9% and the South East average of 3.4%, the unemployment rate is lower than other similarly deprived wards in Medway.

Deprivation

“Gillingham North suffers significant deprivation, with three Super Output Areas (SOAs) in the most deprived 10% nationally and one in the worst 20%. All ten SOAs in Gillingham North have become relatively more deprived since 2007.

Crime is the most severe issue, with seven SOAs ranked in the most deprived 10% of SOAs nationally. This ward has seen significant relative deterioration in crime; in 2007 it had just two SOAs in the worst 10% nationally for crime. After crime, ‘education, training & skills’ is the next most notable issue, with six areas in the worst 20% nationally, two of which are in the 10% most deprived nationally.”

Source: Index of Deprivation 2010, Medway Wards, August 2011

Housing Benefit / Council Tax Benefit: Based on 2005 data, there were 2,365 claimants in Gillingham North, 13.25% of the local population. This is significantly higher than the Medway average of 9.9% and more than double the South East average of 6.3%.

Income Deprivation: Based on 2007 figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government, 25% of the population are income deprived in Gillingham North; 15% of the population are income deprived in Medway as a whole.

Housing

Gillingham North has a large proportion of Victorian terraced properties, some small-scale inter-war 1930’s private housing developments and a number of post-war Council and social housing estates (James St / Skinner St Flats, Parr Avenue estate, the Vineries and the Coplins estate). More recently, mixed developments at Waterside Lane, Groombridge Drive and Sovereign Quarter have combined private housing with affordable housing (social rent or shared ownership). The Liberty Quays development at Gillingham Pier is still ongoing and comprises apartments, purpose-built student accommodation and ‘Extra-care’ sheltered accommodation.

	Gillingham North	Medway	South East
Owner Occupied	49.2% (-18.5%)	67.7%	67.6%
Private Rented	28.2% (+11.1%)	17.1%	16.3%
Social Rented	19.9% (+6.7%)	13.2%	13.7%

Table 1: Housing Tenure in Gillingham North (2011 Census)

Just under half of households are owner-occupiers, which is significantly below the Medway and South East averages. Owner-occupation has fallen sharply from 62.8% of all households in 2001 to 49.2% in 2011 and this trend is mirrored in Gillingham South, Chatham Central and Luton & Wayfield. There is now a much higher proportion of private rented accommodation in Gillingham North compared with the rest of Medway and the South East.”

Health and Life Expectancy

The Department of Health publish *Annual Health Profiles* for each Local Authority area in England. The 2012 Medway health profile shows that life expectancy in Medway is below the England average for both males and females:

	Medway (years)	England (years)
Males	77.6	78.6
Females	81.7	82.6

Table 2: Life Expectancy in Medway, 2012

In Medway this can be explained by higher estimated levels of smoking and obesity, lower levels of 'healthy eating' and higher rates of early deaths from cancer. For example, it is estimated that 20.3% of Year 6 children in Medway are obese.

In Medway there is a clear link between health and deprivation; the lower a person's socio-economic position, the worse his or her health. This means that the most deprived Medway wards have an average life expectancy some 6-7 years lower than the least deprived. **The health inequalities across the different wards of Medway are shown in Table 3 below.**

The gap is even wider for males: life expectancy is 9.3 years lower for men but only 4.0 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Medway than in the least deprived areas. We know that for men in particular, 'external causes' (accidents and suicide) have a notable effect, largely because such deaths often occur in young men.

Source: Medway Health Profile 2012, English Public Health Observatories

Ward	Life Expectancy (years)
Cuxton and Halling	83
Rainham Central	82
Luton and Wayfield	78.1
River	77.9
Gillingham South	77.6
Chatham Central	77
Gillingham North	76

Table 3: Life expectancy at birth by Ward, 2005-2009

Gillingham North has the lowest life expectancy of all Medway's 22 wards, even compared to other deprived ward such as Chatham Central and Luton & Wayfield.

Methodology

Consulting with the local Community

Widespread consultation with the community took place over a period of several weeks.

Key stakeholders within the community were asked for their opinions of the local area and how it could be improved. These included:

- Schools and colleges
- Churches and other faith groups
- Voluntary organisations
- Residents associations
- Members of Partners & Communities Together (PACT) Groups

Face to face events took place at key centres within the ward including the Sunlight Centre in Richmond Road and the Castlemaine Scout Hall.

In addition, an online survey was produced for local residents to give their views:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GillinghamNorthPanel>

We raised awareness of the online survey by emailing it out to all panel members, who in turn distributed it to their local contacts and were encouraged to forward it on to theirs in order to create a ripple effect.

This was supported by 1,000 A5 colour flyers which were printed to advertise the online survey and encourage residents to complete. They were distributed in the following ways:

- Delivered to local households in a cross-section of housing tenures
- Copies given to all shops on the northern side of Gillingham High Street
- Placed in local newsagents and food outlets across the ward for people to take

The make up of all respondents was as follows:

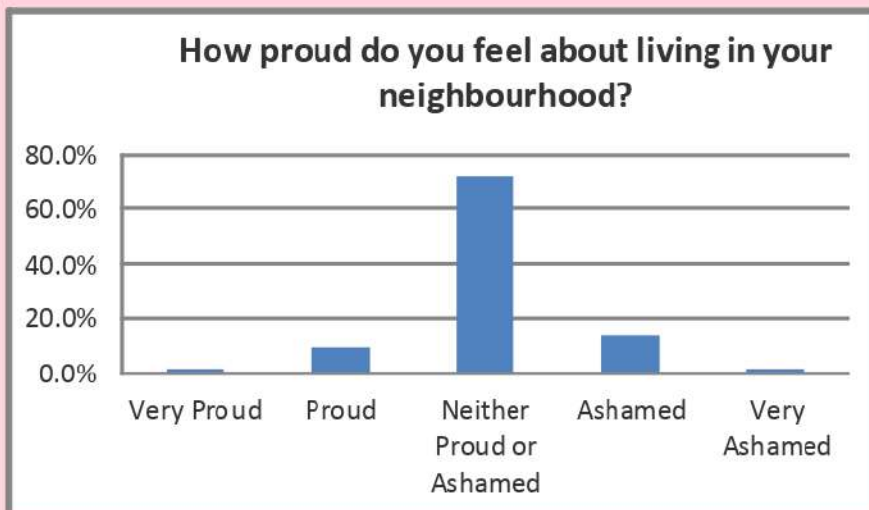
- Less than 5% were between the ages of 16 years and 34 years, whilst 32% were aged between 45 years and 54 years of age
- 52% were over the age of 55 years
- 60% were male; 40% female
- 46% were in paid employment, whilst only 7% were self employed; 28% were “retired from paid work”
- The vast majority of respondents listed themselves as “White British”, with the next largest grouping as “Black/Black British Caribbean”.

Survey Results

How do residents feel currently about their ward?

The Community First survey wanted to set a benchmark as to how residents saw their community and neighbourhood through their own eyes.

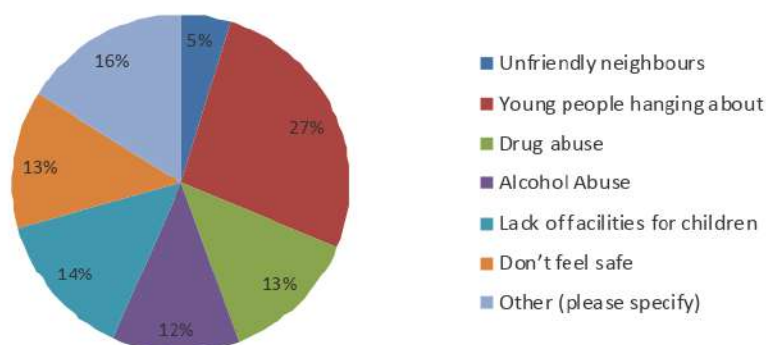
One in eight respondents said they were either “Very Proud” or “Proud” to live in Gillingham North ward; however 16% did state the exact opposite that they were “Ashamed” or “Very Ashamed” of their community when asked “How proud they felt about living in their neighbourhood”? The vast majority (72%) didn’t feel strongly either way, but expressed their concerns about certain aspects of the community (see graphic below).



When asked ‘why they felt this way?’, the largest single response was “litter” followed closely by concerns over “General Anti-Social Behaviour” and “not enough youth facilities in the local area”, coupled with “too many young people hanging about”. In the additional comments, a substantial number of residents referred to “dogs and dog mess” and a strong voice about the “state of Gillingham High Street”.

On the plus side residents overwhelmingly found that “good neighbours”, “friendly people” and “convenient shops” were top of the positive attributes within Gillingham North ward. Three out of five respondents talked of “good neighbours”, with almost 50% talking about “friendly people” as a positive attribute of living in Gillingham North.

Thinking about your neighbourhood are there aspects that you particularly dislike



On the other hand, respondents were asked to specify which particular aspects of their neighbourhood they disliked. More than a quarter of residents (27%) cited the issue of ‘young people hanging about’ as a major worry with 14% concerned about “a lack of facilities for children” - aimed at the younger end of the age range. “Drug” and “Alcohol abuse” together accounted for a further 25% of concerns with one in eight respondents not “feeling

safe” within their neighbourhood. One of the biggest “Other” issues to develop as a ‘dislike’ revolved around ‘parking issues’ - from not enough, to having to pay for a permit and the effect of the universities and student parking.

These “dislikes” are recorded in the graphic above. Some of these issues might help focus the work and priorities of the Community First Panel over the coming year and beyond.

What do residents want from their ward?

Respondents were asked to think about what they wanted from their area. What would be the key attributes they would like to see in Gillingham North Ward.

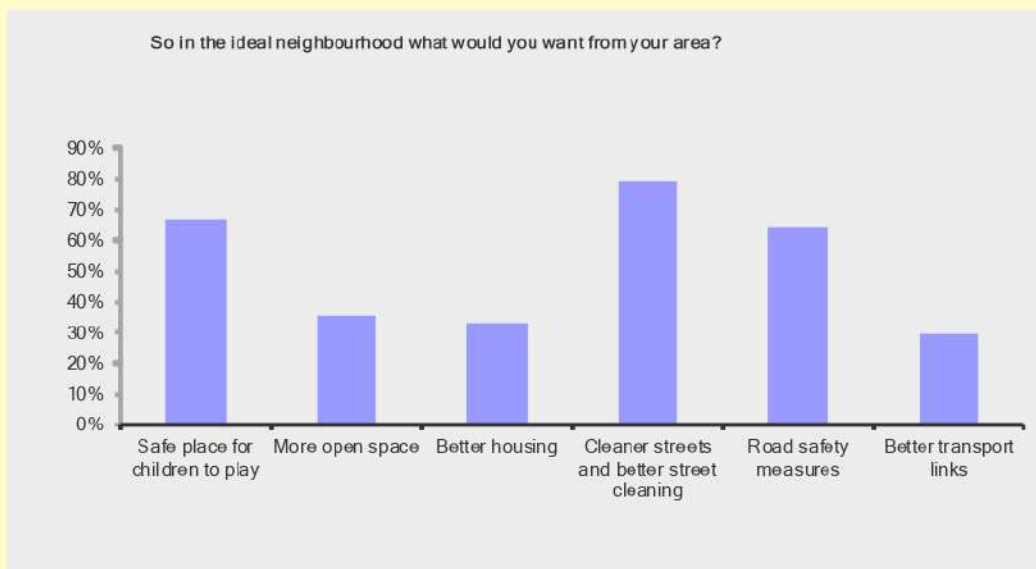
The overwhelming call from respondents was for clean streets. Almost four out of every five residents who undertook the survey cited this as the most pressing need.

Two thirds felt that “safer places for children to play” was something they wanted to see in their neighbourhood.

However, equally important was the need for “better road safety measures”. Respondents raised this since there are concerns in a number of areas including Medway Road and Ingram Road. In addition, some felt that ball games in the street were ‘dangerous’.

There was a noticeable trend of calls for greater community involvement with comments such as “More united involvement amongst existing community groups”, “I want friendly community interaction” and “places where people can meet”.

So the most frequently expressed answers were:



What do residents think needs to be done in their ward?

Two thirds of respondents were clear that the top priority in their ward was to have more police which probably reflects the significant number of respondents who said they 'did not feel safe' and the 25% of respondents who saw 'alcohol and drugs' abuse as major dislikes in their neighbourhoods.

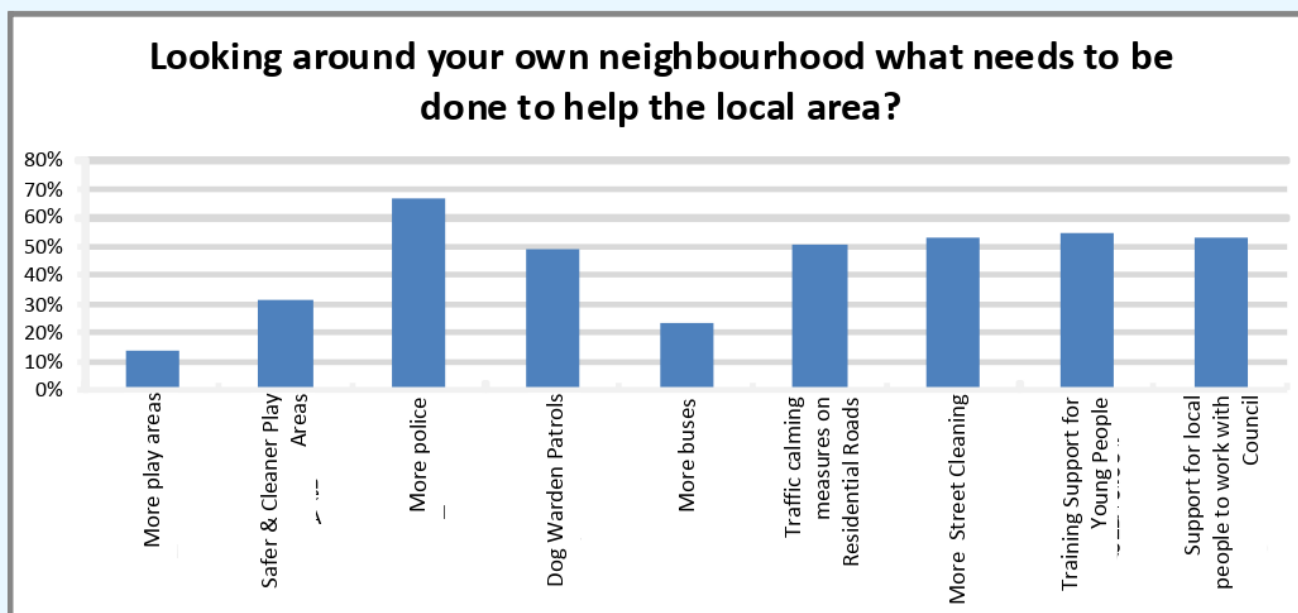
Other significant priorities especially that of supporting young people are a reflection of the concerns expressed about the negative aspects of the neighbourhood such as concern about "young people hanging about".

Very high on the list of attributes residents wanted from their neighbourhood were "clean streets", so it is not surprising that when looking at what needs to be done to help the area, respondents wanted "more street cleaning" and "dog warden patrols".

Significantly, over a half of all respondents called for some forms of traffic calming measures on residential roads.

Community action was highlighted with 53% of people calling for support to be given to local people to work with the Council to identify bidding opportunities to fund local improvement initiatives,

The chart below shows all the responses to the question seeking answers to what needs to be done to help Gillingham North Ward.



What are residents top 4 priorities?

With the establishment of the Community Panels initial priorities were set. Within this survey residents were asked to rank in order of importance those four priorities which have been guiding the funding decisions of the Gillingham North Ward Panel over the past year. Using a weighted answer assessment from the responses, the four priorities were ranked as follows:

1. Improve skills, employability and volunteering & raise aspirations

2. Improve the physical environment of the ward

3. Projects and activities to engage young people

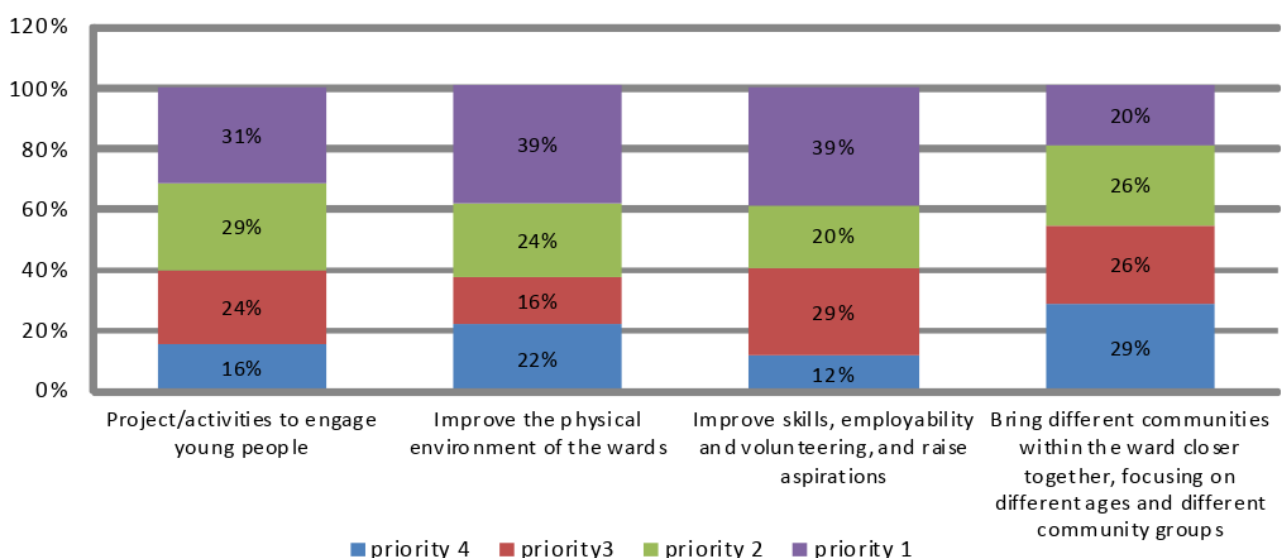
4. Bring different communities within the ward closer together

It should be noted that the variance of importance between the first three priorities was minimal and therefore it would be appropriate to treat these of equal importance in the eyes of our respondents. Reflecting on the findings of this survey it can be seen that these priorities do fulfil the concerns and aspirations of the respondents in Gillingham North Ward.

When asked about the negative aspects of the neighbourhood a majority of respondents cited behavioural issues with “young people hanging about”. So when asked what needed to be done to help the area, respondents identified more help for all to raise skill levels, find employment and raise aspirations. Litter was at the top of ‘dislikes’, together with the issue of ‘dogs’ and the general state of Gillingham High Street. The second priority of “Improving the physical environment” is therefore very important to address these concerns. The third priority follows the issues about the lack of facilities for young people in particular.

In conclusion, the initial four priorities remain valid and the expressed order of importance from this survey should be borne in mind by the panel when considering the balance of approved bids in future rounds

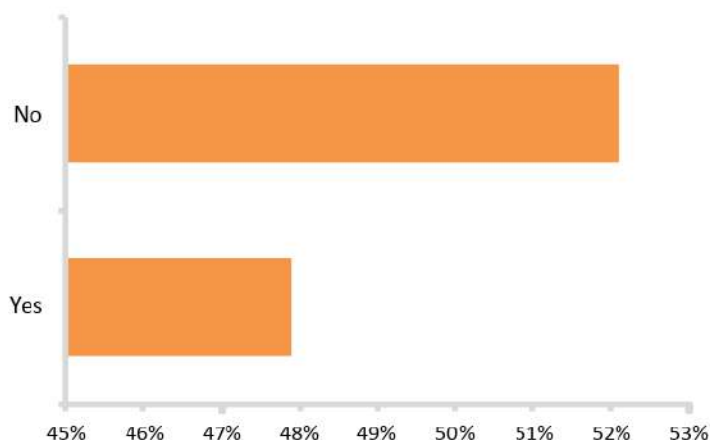
The Gillingham North Community First Panel locally has set four local priorities and all the projects they have been funding must contribute to at least one of these priorities



Who will support future Community First Projects?

As part of our plan we were keen to establish the level of voluntary support both now and in the future within the ward. This involved a number of questions through the survey, the main findings we summarise here.

Have you been involved in any local organisations or clubs over the past 3 years?



The divide between those who have been involved with local organisations and those who have not is very narrow. 52% said they had not been involved over the past 3 years, but 48% had been. Those that were involved, included members of organisations and clubs such as the local PACT, Lions Club, local church, NHW, residents associations and a variety of youth and arts organisations.

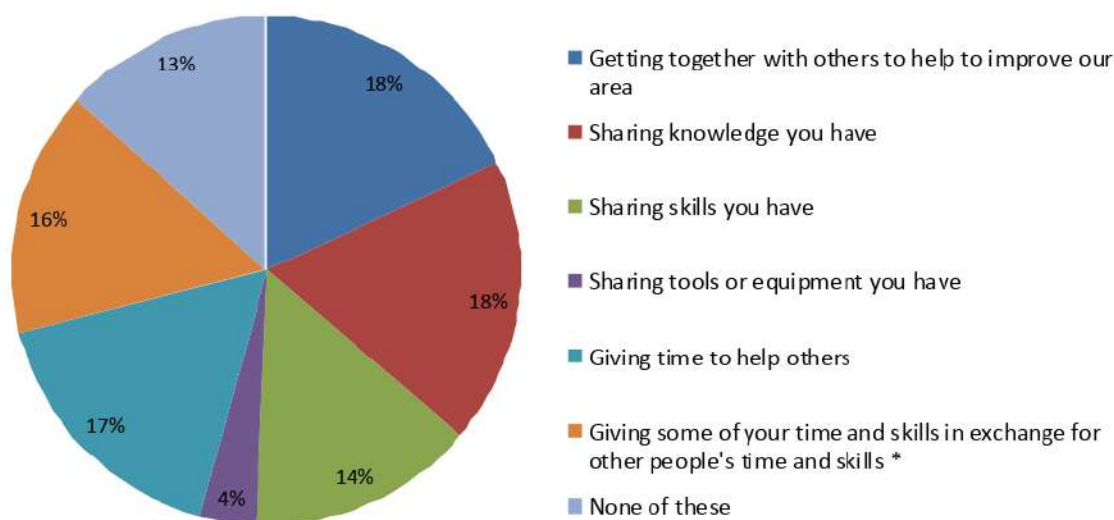
Two in five respondents wanted to “get together with others to improve the area”, with another 40% willing

to share the knowledge and skills they have. These offers ranged from help organising events, public relations knowledge, gardening, book keeping, art and craft skills.

Sixteen percent of respondents were willing to offer a lot of time - for example every week - whilst the majority (40%) of all those offering to help would commit to a “couple of times a month”, with others offering a few times every so often or every year.

Local web sites (67%) proved by far the most popular way to find out about what was going on locally, followed by general email traffic and Facebook.

Would you be willing to help others in your local area by doing any of the following?



Projects and Funding currently within Gillingham North Ward

Projects already taking place within the Ward

Cyber Youth Connection (CYC) Project:

Medway Youth Service has been successful in obtaining funding from the European Regional Development Fund in order to enhance the delivery of international youth work in Gillingham, Chatham and Strood.

The programme was launched in June 2012 at Woodlands Youth Centre in Gillingham and aims to develop young people's skills in the areas of music, mechanics and cookery, while supporting international connection with partners and young people in France.

Over the three years there will be a host of exciting opportunities including workshops and exchange visits. It is open to teachers, youth and community workers and young people.

Contact: Woodlands Youth Centre, Woodlands Road, Gillingham Kent ME7 2BX. **Telephone:** 01634 852300. **Email:** woodlands.youth@medway.gov.uk

Gillingham Local Roots:

This is part of the Eco Advantage project, funded by the European Social Fund.

The Eco-Advantage project aims to provide new skills and information to help both residents and businesses to meet the challenges of climate change, including tips on reducing their carbon footprint.

Gillingham Local Roots group have been given £5,000 to kick-start the project to transform the former Otway Street play area into a Community Green Garden and allotment in Gillingham.

The council and the Gillingham Local Roots group will be encouraging volunteers to get involved in providing an area for growing vegetables and improve the open space.

Working with Dobbies Garden Centre in Gillingham, the council will give on-site training for up to eight volunteers at a time at the community garden on how to plant seedlings and other areas, including first aid skills.

Contact: Julie and Ivan Brinn, 2 Clifton Road, Gillingham ME7 1NA. **Tel:** 01634 571059 / 07547 078933
Email: i.brinn@sky.com

Projects already taking place within the Ward (continued)

Gillingham Youth for Christ (GYFC):

GYFC is a registered charity which launched in 1997 and they are funded from a variety of sources, including the Church Urban Fund, to provide an after-school drop-in session at Skinner Street Community Centre in Gillingham every Thursday from 3-5pm.

Through friendship, example and the facilities they offer, GYFC help young people to build satisfying relationships, become useful members of society. They also run two other drop-in afternoon and evening sessions in other parts of Gillingham (Trafalgar Street and Third Avenue).

Contact: 133 Trafalgar Street, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 4RP. Tel: 01634 578128

Email: office@gillinghamyfc.co.uk or **Kirsti Bottiglieri:** kirstie@gillinghamyfc.co.uk

Word on the Street (WOTS):

Word on the Street are located at the Activity Loft on the Vineries Estate in Gillingham. They work with over one hundred children who are disadvantaged through family situations, social boundaries, poor achievement and economics, to name but a few issues.

The project is supported by MOAT housing association and part-funded by BBC Children in Need, providing a wide range of services and facilities to the community, hosting activities and events for children and families, from after school clubs, holiday activities and youth clubs to development programmes and camps.

Contact: Revd Bill Clark (Community Youth Worker) The Activity Loft 11 The Vineries, Gillingham, Kent. ME7 2AD.

Email: bill_wots@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01634 319290

Youth Drop-in at St Mary Magdalene Church:

Volunteers from the congregation and local community help to put on a weekly youth drop-in every Tuesday evening in the lady Chapel of the church, providing a warm and safe environment for young people to socialise, play games and develop new skills. No funding is provided for this, it is run through the goodwill of the church. The youth drop-in is supported by Medway Council's detached youth workers who are based at Woodlands Youth Centre.

Contact: Revd Suzanne Pattle, The Vicarage, 27 Gillingham Green, Gillingham, ME7 1SS. Tel: 01634 850529. **Email:** vicar@gillinghamparishchurch.org.uk

1st Gillingham (St Luke's) and 25th Gillingham (St Mary's) Scout Groups, Gillingham

Both Scout Groups are very active, providing a fun and exciting place for Young People aged 6 to 18 to come and make new friends and experience new things!

The scout groups have been given funding to subsidise the cost of subscription fees, uniforms and trips for children from poorer backgrounds, which will encourage young people to get involved in a group they may not otherwise be able to afford to. It builds self-esteem, promotes active, healthier lifestyles, helps children interact outside of an educational setting, and develops skills. Collectively, the two Scout Groups currently have 2 Beaver Colonies, 3 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops and 1 Explorer Unit and a whole load of leaders who are all eager to share their skills and give these Young People memories for life.

1st Gillingham Scouts Contact: St Luke's Church, King William Road, Gillingham.

Email: 1st@gillinghamscouts.org.uk

25th Gillingham Scouts Contact: Scout HQ, rear of Castlemaine Avenue, Gillingham

Email: 25th@gillinghamscouts.org.uk

Projects already taking place within the Ward (continued)

Friends of Hillyfields:

The Friends of Hillyfields was set up in November 2005. [Hillyfields Community Park](#) has had extensive infrastructure improvements to make the park safe and accessible to all. The Friends of Hillyfields have worked in partnership with Medway Council to improve the site with:

- footpaths;
- interpretation panels;
- work within the orchard;
- a new play area;
- a teen shelter;
- boundary planting to make the park more welcoming.

The new play area, opened in December 2008, has a unique design, which incorporates natural play and risk elements. The old orchard on site is now in the early stages of community project. Through partnership working and consultation between Medway Council, Friends of Hillyfields, Groundwork, local residents and local schools, Hillyfields Community Park has become a much valued asset in the Gillingham area.

Email: friendsofhillyfields@hotmail.co.uk

Harmony Jam:

A music project which provides access to an equipped rehearsal and recording studio to individuals who would otherwise not be able to access such a facility. It is currently a well-used social group for around 45 people, in which people can share and develop an interest in music, learning from each other. The group provides friendship, social networking and reduces isolation. The group is used by and open to individuals who have experienced mental health issues, homelessness and wider social and health issues. For some it is an important therapeutic tool. For others it is a chance to improve and share musical skills. For many people this is a great way to improve self-esteem and confidence and make the first steps into volunteering and employment. The project is inclusive and welcoming, bringing the community together.

Funding from the Community First Panel has enabled the project to reach more people and provide weekly open rehearsal and jamming sessions; access to the support of a sound engineer and experienced musicians; encouragement and support to people of all abilities; access to musical instruments.

Contact: Paul Barnard, c/o Sunlight Centre, Richmond Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1LX.

Tel: 01634 338600. Email: paul@sunlighttrust.org.uk

Projects already taking place within the Ward (continued)

Street Reps

The Street Reps programme is a recently formed, resident-led project aiming to:

- improve the quality of life in local neighbourhoods
- make our streets cleaner and safer for everyone
- empower residents and put local people in the driving seat

Local residents who volunteer to become Street Reps, are the “eyes and ears” for their road. They can report a range of street scene issues (eg, potholes, street lighting, abandoned vehicles, fly-tipping, graffiti, etc) to help get them dealt with quickly.

The aim is also to bring residents together by organising litter picks, alley cleans and graffiti removal, as well as holding training events for street reps and encouraging residents to organise community social events.

Contact: HANDS Rochester Volunteer Centre. Kingsley House, 2nd Floor 37-39 Balmoral Road, Gillingham, ME7 4PF. **Tel:** 01634 380030

Existing Funding available to Community Groups

There are a variety of funding sources which local voluntary organisations and community groups rely on to run certain projects, but they are often small amounts and not normally geographically limited to River ward.

Community Chest (MHS Homes): Grants of up to £3,000 open to individuals and group projects that encourage greater involvement in local community activities by providing projects which will benefit residents living in areas where they own or manage homes. They particularly welcome applications that support activities and services for children, young people and older people.

Ward Improvement Funds: Gillingham North ward has 3 Councillors elected to Medway Council. Each Councillor is given £3,000 per year to allocate to community projects within the ward. With cuts to local government budgets the future of this funding source cannot be guaranteed.

Street Reps: This is a small voluntary group who allocate grants of up to £250 per road for small-scale improvements to the physical environment. This is a limited fund which is unlikely to be able to be sustained in the future.

Street Cops Trust: this is a Medway-based charity set up in 2005. Neighbourhood Police Officers can support local community initiatives by applying for small amounts of money (up to £500) on the community's behalf.

Co-operative Community Fund: Community groups and co-operatives can apply for support through a number of Co-op initiatives. £15 million has been awarded to thousands of clubs, community groups and self-help organisations since it was set up in 1997.

Kent People's Trust: set up in 2000, the trust provides grants by working with a wide range of individuals and organisations providing everything from youth clubs to security advice for the elderly, graffiti cleanup to CCTV for women's refuges, youth mentoring to drug rehabilitation schemes. These projects help prevent crime, and genuinely improve the safety and well being of local communities.

Awards for All: offers Lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them. It is for voluntary and community groups, schools and health organisations, parish and town councils. It no longer funds small projects based mainly on sports, arts or heritage; these now have their own separate Lottery funding schemes.

BIG Lottery Fund: BIG gives out grants of up to £500,000 from the National Lottery to good causes; to community groups and projects that improve health, education and the environment.

Children in Need: currently supports over 2600 projects and awards grants each year to organisations supporting disadvantaged children and young people in the UK.

Church Urban Fund: a Christian-orientated fund supporting Christians working with the poorest and most marginalised in England, transforming lives.

Appendices



Survey

Introduction

This survey is being conducted on behalf of Gillingham North Community First Panel, who are a group of local people working together to support and encourage community projects. The group have some funding available to help local people to work together, and the results of this survey will help us decide which projects to support.

We are keen to get the views of local people and, to thank you for your help, at the end of the survey you will be given the opportunity to enter a free prize draw where there are 3 prizes up for grabs – one £30, one £20 and one £10 high street voucher of your choice.

Please share your views by answering the questions in this survey.

- Please follow the instructions for each question carefully. Some of them ask you to select one box, and some more than one box.
- Everything you tell us will be treated in the strictest confidence – we definitely won't pass your details on to anyone else.

Section One

Question One

What is your postcode? (This is so we can ensure that each contribution is tied up with the correct ward)

Question Two

How proud do you feel about living in your neighbourhood? (one answer only)

- Very Proud
- Proud
- Neither Proud or Ashamed
- Ashamed
- Very Ashamed

Question Three

If in Question 2 you answered ' Neither Proud or Ashamed',Ashamed or ' Very Ashamed' why do you feel this way: (multiple choice)

- State of the neighbouring houses
- The litter
- The graffiti
- General anti-social behaviour
- The drug dealing and addicts
- There are no jobs
- There's not enough green space
- The green space is very poorly maintained
- Not enough youth facilities and activities in the local area
- Too many young people just hanging around
- Other (please specify)

Question Four

Thinking about your neighbourhood are their aspects that you particularly like: (multiple choice)

- Friendly people
- Quiet/ peaceful
- Good neighbours
- Safe area/ low crime
- Green spaces
- Convenient shops
- Good transport
- Other (please specify)

Question Five

Thinking about your neighbourhood are their aspects that you particularly dislike: (multiple choice)

- Unfriendly neighbours
- Young people hanging about
- Drug abuse
- Alcohol abuse
- Lack of facilities for children
- Don't feel safe
- Other (please specify)

Question Six

The Gillingham North Community First Panel locally has set four local priorities and all the projects they have been funding must contribute to at least one of these priorities: (rank them from 1 to 4)

- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| • Project/ activities to engage young people | | | | |
| • Improve the physical environment of the wards | | | | |
| • Improve skills, employability and volunteering, and raise aspirations | | | | |
| • Bring different communities within the ward closer together, focusing on different ages and different community groups | | | | |

Question Seven

So in the ideal neighbourhood what would you want from your area? (multiple choice)

- Safe place for children to play
- More open space
- Better housing
- Cleaner streets and better street cleaning
- Road safety measures
- Better transport links
- Other (please specify)

Question Eight

Looking around your own neighbourhood what needs to be done to help the local area? (multiple choice)

- More play areas
- Safer and cleaner play area
- More police
- Dog warden patrols
- More buses
- Traffic calming measures on residential roads
- More street cleaning
- Training support for young people to find employment or start a business
- Support for local people to work with the local council and to bid for money to improve the area
- Other (please specify)

Question Nine

Are there any activities or services you would like to see on offer in your local area? This might include sports or community activities, things to learn, or clubs and societies to take part in. This might be activities for yourself or for other members of your family. (Please list activities below)

Section Two

Helping out in the Community

This section asks about how you are involved in your community now, and how you might like to get involved in the future.

Question Ten

Have you been involved in any local organisations or clubs over the past 3 years?

- Yes
- No

Question Eleven

Which local organisations or clubs have you been involved in? (please list organisations and clubs below)

Question Twelve

How have you have been involved in these organisations? (tick all that apply for you, multiple choice)

- I'm a member
- I'm a volunteer
- I attend local events
- I help run a group
- Other (please specify)

Question Thirteen

Do you have any skills or knowledge that you would like to share with others in the community?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Question Fourteen

What skills or knowledge would you like to share? (please list skills and/or knowledge below)

Question Fifteen

Would you be willing to help others in your local area by doing any of the following? (multiple choice)

- Getting together with others to help to improve our area
- Sharing knowledge you have
- Sharing skills you have
- Sharing tools or equipment you have
- Giving time to help others
- Giving some of your time and skills in exchange for other people's time and skills*
- None of these
- Other (please specify)

Question Sixteen

How much would you like to be involved in a local organisation which helps to get things done to help to make your area a better place to live?

- A lot
- A little
- Not at all
- Don't know

Question Seventeen

How would you like to get involved? Would it be:

- Helping out regularly, perhaps a bit of time each week
- Helping out a couple of times a month
- Helping out a few times a year
- Helping once a year, with a particular project or event
- I'm already involved in something

Question Eighteen

Do you use any of these to find out about what's going on locally, or to talk to people in your neighbourhood? (multiple choice)

- Local websites
- Emails
- Text messages
- Facebook
- Twitter
- None of these
- Other (please specify)

Section Three

About You

We would like to ask you a few questions about yourself so we can get a picture of the people taking part in this survey

Question Nineteen

Which of the following age groups do you belong to:

- 10 to 15
- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- 85 and over

Question Twenty

Are you:

- Male
- Female

Question Twenty one

Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

- In paid employment (full or part-time)
- Self-employed (full or part time)
- On a government scheme for employment training
- Unemployment and available for work
- Retired from paid work
- In full-time education
- Not in paid work because of long-term illness or disability
- Looking after home and / or family
- Other (please specify)

Question Twenty two

Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?

- White: British
- White: Irish
- White: Any other White background
- Mixed: White and Asian
- Mixed: White and Black African
- Mixed: White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed: Any other background
- Chinese
- Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British: Indian
- Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British: Any other Asian background
- Black or Black British: African
- Black or Black British: Caribbean
- Black or Black British: Any other Black background
- Any other ethnic background (please state here)

Enter the Prize Draw and let us know if you want to be kept informed about community activities

Please fill this in if you would like to be entered into the prize draw. There are 3 prizes – one £30, one £20 and one £10 high street voucher of your choice.

We are also asking if you would like to receive further information about things that are happening in your local area and the activities that take place, which we can do by sending you an email or text messages. We won't pass your details on to any other organisation and will only use it to give you information about our work.